IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY



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The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) was created by an act of the Iowa legislature in 1967 to maximize training opportunities for law enforcement officers, to coordinate training and to set standards for the law enforcement service. The Academy provides residential training sessions varying in length from six 12-week basic training schools annually to one-day specialty and in-service seminars, and grants certification as Iowa law enforcement officers to those persons successfully completing basic training courses. Academy sponsored and conducted training programs are held in the field as well as at the central facility located at Camp Dodge, on the northwest edge of the Des Moines metropolitan area. In addition, the Academy provides training to jailers and to t&communicators. The Academy also administers a program of psychological testing of applicants for law enforcement positions, and keeps files on the more than 6500 active regular law enforcement officers in the state. All reserve peace officers who are granted authority by their jurisdiction to carry weapons must first be certified to do so by application to and approval of the Academy council. The Academy promulgates hiring, training and certification standards for Iowa law enforcement officers. The physical facility consists of dormitory rooms with a capacity of 112 persons, classrooms, a cafeteria, physical fitness center, photography and video production studios and administrative offices. The Academy shares firearms ranges and tactical facilities with the Iowa National Guard.



The Iowa Law Enforcement Academy...

- . Provides certification training for 240 entry level law enforcement **officers** every year through six 12-week basic classes.
- Conducted 136 in-service schools last year at various locations **around** the state and at the Academy attended by 2,878 officers.
- Provided basic entry level t&communicator **training** and in-service schools around the state, attended by more than 600 dispatchers last year.
- Conducted **40-hour** basic schools for jailers and in-service schools at varying locations in the state, for more than 700 jail employees last year.
- Keeps records on the more than 6,500 active regular officers in the state and the approximately 2,500 reserve officers authorized by their jurisdictions and approved by the Academy council to carry weapons.
- Establishes minimum standards for the law enforcement service, grants officer certification and has the responsibility to decertify or to suspend certifications when necessary; in a manner of speaking, the Academy "polices the police."

Vision

To excel in the delivery of law enforcement training, to be recognized as such, and to maintain the high standards of and for Iowa law enforcement officers.

Mission

To maximize training opportunities for law enforcement officers, to coordinate training and to set standards for the law enforcement services.

Goals

To provide essential, timely and cost-effective law enforcement training at both entry and in-service levels.

To maintain and enforce reasonable standards for the law enforcement service which are critically necessary for the protection of the public which is served.

